



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 363

North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on March 30, 2017*

S. 363 would revise the route of the North Country National Scenic Trail, which currently runs through seven states from New York to North Dakota. Specifically, the bill would connect the trail to the Appalachian Scenic Trail in Vermont, adding about 550 miles to its overall length.

Based on information provided by the National Park Service, which administers the trail, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 363 would cost about \$5 million over the 2018-2022 period. Most of that amount would be spent to acquire private land (or easements on that land) along the new trail segment. CBO estimates that ongoing costs to develop, manage, and maintain the added property would be negligible.

Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting S. 363 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 363 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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